intensity of extreme weather events like storm surges and cyclones. In the eastern coast, the vulnerable districts include Jagatsinghpur and Kendrpara in Orissa and Nellore in Andhra Pradesh and Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu.

The Government appointed an "Expert Committee on Impacts of Climate Change" with following Terms of Reference:

(a) To study the impacts of anthropogenic climate change on India.

(b) To identify the measures that we may have to take in the future in relation to addressing vulnerability to anthropogenic climate change impacts.

(c) Any other matter relevant to (a) and (b) above.

Wildlife Protection Policy

4049. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of ENVIORNMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wildlife protection policy of Government recognize the need to avoid fragmentation of existing sanctuaries and reserves and other wildlife areas;

(b) what are the guidelines available with Government to ensure that huge irrigation projects do not flood and submerge existing sanctuaries; and

(c) how many dams or irrigation projects which have been cleared in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra would involve submersion of at least 1000 acres of sanctuaries in 2005-06 and 2006-07 alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Central Government recognizes the need of enhancement of wildlife habitat and restoring of linkages and corridors between Protected Areas and other reserves avoiding fragmentation of important habitats.

(b) Diversion of forest land for any non-forestry activity including irrigation project require the prior permission of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Further, any diversion of land from a Protected Area would also require the recommendation of the

National Board for Wildlife and clearance from Hon'ble Supreme Court. The proposals are considered very judiciously before permitting any diversion of land from Protected Areas.

(c) No irrigation project or construction of dam involving submersion of atleast 1000 acres of sanctuary land has been cleared during the 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Scarcity of medicines in Andhra Pradesh

4050. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the essential medicines are not available in many Government hospitals, district hospitals and primary health centres functioning at present in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have directed the Government of Andhra Pradesh to upgrade the above hospitals and provide the essential medicines in these health centres so that thousands of poor people could get medical treatment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Health being a state list subject it is for the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to ensure availability of essential medicines/like action for upgradation of the PHCs, district hospitals and other State Government Hospitals in the State.

Contraceptive injection for women

†4051. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain injection is being used on women for family planning in this country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.